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SUBJECT: ASMARA - CURRENT FUEL SITUATION

REF A. ASMARA 258; B. STATE 41765

1. GASOLINE: A FUEL CONVOY LEFT ASMARA APPROX 1400 HOURS,
24 FEB. CONSISTING OF 4 DOUBLE TRUCK-TANKERS WITH TOTAL CAPACITY
60,000 LITERS. CONVOY HAD MILITARY ESCORT ALONG ENTIRE ROUTE
TO MASSAWA. CONVOY ARRIVED WITHOUT INCIDENT EVENING FEB. 24.

2. CONVOY LOADED SAME NIGHT AND WAS SCHEDULED TO DEPART MASSAWA
TUESDAY MORNING (FEB. 25) BEFORE 10:00 A.M. 6,000 LITERS OF THIS
CONVOY BELIEVED TO BE ALLOCATED TO KAGNEW STATION (U.S.). ETA
ASMARA IS PRIOR TO 1800 HRS TUESDAY NIGHT, FEB. 25.

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3. THIS INFORMATION OBTAINED FROM DIRECT CONVERSATION BETWEEN MR. FALASCHI, SENIOR REPRESENTATIVE OF MOBIL EAST AFRICA AND A SENIOR CISCO REP. AS A POINT OF INTEREST, THE TRUCKS WERE CONVERTED TO MILITARY USE ON SUNDAY 23 FEB. DRIVERS WERE FLOWN IN FROM ADDIS ABABA BY THE ARMY.

4. A LETTER FROM THE ARMY AUTHORIZING RELEASE FROM CIVILIAN STORES OF 6,000 LITERS OF GASOLINE (SIGNED BY THE COLONEL IN CHARGE OF FUEL COORDINATION, 2ND DIVISION) HAS BEEN INTERPRETED AS BEING FOR DIESEL FUEL INSTEAD OF MOGAS. ERROR OF NO APPARENT CONSEQUENCE SINCE NO CIVILIAN RESERVE EXISTS IN ASMARA AT PRESENT (PER MR. FALASHI).

5. OTHER AREAS OF INTEREST: AIRPORT HAS EMERGENCY GENERATOR FUEL FOR ONE DAY ONLY. THIS ASSUMES SIGNIFICANCE AS IT USED FOR FUEL PUMPS FOR AIRCRAFT AND EMERGENCY WATER SUPPLY FOR THE MILITARY. MUNICIPAL WATER SUPPLY IS DEPENDENT ON A DIESEL DRIVEN MOTOR GENERATOR AT THE RESERVOIR NEAR TRACT "D". THIS GENERATOR WILL FAIL DUE TO FUEL SHORTAGE, TODAY (FEB. 25). EMERGENCY FUEL DELIVERY TO THE SITE HAS BEEN DELAYED 6 DAYS DUE TO THE FAILURE OF THE ETH ARMY TO PROVIDE ESCORT. THE TRUCK HAS BEEN HELD IN RESERVE FOR 6 DAYS. THE WATER REQUIREMENT FOR ALL USERS CANNOT BE MET FROM TRACT F WELLS IN THE EVENT OF FAILURE OF THE MUNICIPAL SYSTEM AND THE AIRPORT WELLS.
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